

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1     1.     A sequential segment joining stator coil type electric rotating  
2     machine comprising:
  - 3             a rotor having  $p$  pairs of poles (where  $p$  represents a natural  
4     number equal to or more than 2);
  - 5             a stator core including a large number of slots each having  $s$   
6     conductor accommodation positions (where  $s$  represents an even  
7     number equal to or more than 6) in its radial directions; and
  - 8             an armature winding including  $m$ -phase windings (where  $m$   
9     represents an odd number equal to or more than 3) made by  
10    sequentially connecting a large number of U-shaped segments, each  
11    of said U-shaped segments being composed of a U-shaped head portion  
12    made to constitute a head-side coil end, a pair of in-slot conductor  
13    portions to be respectively accommodated in a pair of slots separated by  
14    a predetermined slot pitch from each other and a pair of protruding end  
15    portions made to protrude from said slots to constitute an end-side coil  
16    end, and tip portions of said pair of protruding end portions being  
17    respectively joined to tip portions of other protruding end portions  
18    adjacent thereto in the radial directions,
  - 19             wherein in-phase slot groups are provided for each pole, each  
20    including a plurality of in-phase slots forming said slots accommodating  
21    said in-slot conductor portions for making said phase windings in phase  
22    with each other, with said plurality of in-phase slots being continuously  
23    arranged in circumferential directions for each pole, and
  - 24             said conductor accommodation positions of each of said slots are  
25    divided into  $r$  (where  $r = s/t$ ) conductor accommodation position sets  
26    each composed of the  $t$  (where  $t$  represents an integer) conductor

27 accommodation positions continuously located in the radial directions,  
28 and

29 said in-phase slots of said in-phase slot groups identical in order  
30 when viewed from one of the circumferential directions accommodate a  
31 partial coil in each of said conductor accommodation position sets, and

32 said phase winding is constructed in a manner such that radial  
33 series coils formed by connecting said partial coils in said conductor  
34 accommodation position sets different from each other in series to each  
35 other through an inter-layer connection line, which are equal in number  
36 to said in-phase slots of said in-phase slot group, are connected in  
37 parallel with each other.

1 2. The machine according to claim 1, wherein combinations of said  
2 partial coils constituting said radial series coils of said phase winding  
3 are determined so that the total theoretical vector electromotive  
4 voltages of said radial series coils become equal to each other.

1 3. The machine according to claim 2, wherein, of said inter-layer  
2 connection lines for said radial series coils, said inter-layer connection  
3 lines located at the same position in a radial direction are separately  
4 placed in said in-phase slot groups different from each other in the  
5 circumferential directions so that said inter-layer connection lines  
6 located at the same position do not overlap with each other.

1 4. The machine according to claim 3, wherein  
2 said partial coils are constructed in a manner such that wave winding  
3 segments forming said segments passing through first and fourth

4 layers of said conductor accommodation position set in the radial  
5 directions and lap winding segments forming said segments passing  
6 through second and third layers thereof are alternately connected to  
7 form first and second circling coils which substantially make a circuit,  
8 and said first and second circling coils are connected in series to shape-  
9 different wave winding segments serving as a last in-slot conductor  
10 portion of said first circling coil and a head in-slot conductor portion of  
11 said second circling coil, with said partial coils being accommodated in  
12 one in-phase slot of said in-phase slot group which has a predetermined  
13 order in the circumferential directions.